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Owner: J. S. Walls (of building)

Date of Erection: 2nd quarter of 18th century

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Poor, to be destroyed

Number of Stories:

Materials of Construction: Timbered, brick foundations.

Other Existing Records: None known

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## PROVIDENCE FORGE MILL

Providence Forge, Va.

Providence Forge Mill was purchased by
Francis Jerdone from Jeffrey Smith, April 1771. The
Mill and Forge seems to have been worked successfully
for many years. You will see from the letter dated
1784 what is said about its condition at that time. It
finally dropped down beside the old grist mill and
there it remained covered up under the earth until
1868 when high water caused the mill dam to break and
the earth was washed away leaving the old iron, brick
foundations and timbers exposed.

1868 owned by Major E. G. Townsend, Rochester, New York. At his death to his son Col. E. B. Townsend; then to J. H. Christian

A. W. Havens

and J. L. Walls, the present owner.

Furnished by Miss J. E. Jerdone